



National Provider Identifier

**Attention: All Providers**

**Submitting Both National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Provider Number on Claims**

N.C. Medicaid would like to encourage providers to begin submitting both the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the Medicaid provider number on electronic claims no later than Jan. 1, 2007. If your software is not updated to submit the NPI number, please contact your clearinghouse or software vendor as soon as possible to obtain the appropriate updates. Please ensure that you keep the capability to submit the Medicaid provider number along with the NPI. N.C. Medicaid will continue to process claims using the Medicaid provider number until NPI is implemented in May 2007.

The NCECS Webtool already contains a field for submitting the NPI, so providers can begin to populate that field. For providers who bill on paper, the new paper claim forms will be available in 2007. We plan to begin testing changes to the MMIS in January 2007, and at that time we will need both the NPI and Medicaid provider numbers.

***NPI – Get it! Share It! Use It! Getting one is free – Not having one can be costly!***

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